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Central Avenue On Ramp to Northbound SR60/I-215 Freeway Set for a Nine-day Closure

Motorists to use alternate on ramp to access freeway

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation, Caltrans, today announced the on ramp to the State Route 60/Interstate 215 Freeway from Central Avenue will be closed for nine days beginning Monday, March 20 and ending on Wednesday, March 29. The closure, which begins at 9 a.m., is necessary to build a new on ramp at Central Avenue.

As a detour, motorists who normally use the Central Avenue ramp are advised to take Central Avenue to Sycamore Canyon Boulevard northbound to El Cerrito Drive and go east on El Cerrito Drive, which leads you directly to the SR60/I-215 Freeway.

Motorists are cautioned to allow an additional 25 minutes to their normal commute time to accommodate the closure.

Caltrans is in the midst of a \$317 million effort to improve the 60/91/215 freeway interchange area. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are partners in this effort.

The three freeways that make up this overall improvement project and interchange are critical links between major Inland Empire communities in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties and serve the major flow of commuter and commercial traffic throughout the region. This interchange carried nearly 314,000 daily vehicles in 2003 and served more than 332,000 daily vehicles in 2004.

For project updates, call Caltrans directly at 1-866-60-91-215, or view the Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/schedule.htm>

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